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Sir:

Applicants petitions for late entry of priority claim and priority document, in this case not being made within four months from the actual filing date or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior foreign application.

Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to Japanese Patent Application Number 2001-053472, filed on February 28, 2001. A supplemental Declaration executed by the inventors, which identifies and claims priority to JP 2001-

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053472, is being submitted herewith. A certified copy of JP 2001-053472 was previously filed on March 17, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim is being made was unintentional. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Patent and Trademark Office is deduct \$1,280.00, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), from undersigned's Deposit Account 20-1430 is submitted herewith in duplicate for fee processing. The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to deduct any additional amount required for the present Petition from this account or credit any excess amount to this account.

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